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1. The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted on 2/27/04 was filed after the mailing date of the Examiner's Answer on 12/18/01. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37CFR 1.97. Accordingly the IDS is being considered by the examiner and will be made part of the file record.
2. Because the instant information disclosure statement does not change the status of the claims on appeal or alter the rejection(s) therein, this application is being returned to the Patent Office Board of Appeals for disposition by same.